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**AMBASSADOR AND MRS GRATION VISIT ST. JOSEPH HIV/AIDS GROUP IN
NYERI**

On Monday, July 11, 2011, Ambassador Scott Gration and his wife, Judy, visited St. Joseph Self-Help Group, a community-based organization that helps promote prevention of HIV/AIDS infections in Nyeri North District. The U.S. government, through USAID, has been supporting this group since 2007 to better deliver health services to the local populations, including 2000 orphans and vulnerable children.

The main goals of the St. Joseph Self-help Group has been the prevention of new HIV/AIDS infections among the most vulnerable, as well as care and support to people living with HIV.

During the visit, the Ambassador and his wife toured the centre, planted commemorative trees, and listened to some testimonials from members of the community and beneficiaries. He later gave gifts to the centre that included school supplies, pencils and notebooks.

Those who welcomed the Ambassador to the centre included Brother Harun Kamau, Centre Project Director; Dr. Kenneth Chebet, Project Director, USAID APHIA plus Health Program; and Dr. Regina Mbayaki, Deputy Project Director, APHIA plus.